

Oral Health



Program Description:

The oral health information and preventive services program is designed to reduce the need for restorative oral health services in specifically targeted high-risk populations and the community in general. A public health dental hygienist provides screenings and other assessment activities, preventive education, preventive service and oral health counseling. CDHD promotes the use of preventive oral health strategies and facilitates school-based preventive dental programs.

Delivery Measures:

- 72 children received dental screenings at Head Start/ECEAP
- 256 of the Head Start children received fluoride varnish treatments
- 39 developmentally disabled clients received dental screenings
- 32 staff case workers for the developmentally disabled clients received oral health education
- 3,505 children and 65 adults/parents attended oral health education presentations
- 62 healthcare and allied healthcare staff attended oral health presentations.
- 581 children were enrolled in the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) program.

Notes & Updates:

- The Chelan-Douglas Oral Health Coalition is expanding and will be exploring issues of access to oral health care in our community.
- The Community Health Center took on the responsibility of the fluoride varnish program for preschool age, low income children. We are pleased that a community partner saw the value in this pilot program offered initially through CDHD.

Challenges:

Education of our community and early access to dental care continue to be the focal points for oral health program activities. The Oral Health Coalition will actively support a second attempt to bring water fluoridation to our counties.

